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To: Microsoft ATR
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I respectfully submit these comments and observations. I am a technologist who has been in this industry since 1985. I currently work for a brand building corporation that uses both Windows and Macintosh systems. In a prior career I worked for Ameritech (now SBC) for 30 years, five of which were in the IT organization.

I am writing this letter because I strongly believe the proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft fails to achieve the necessary goals of a proper remedy: halting the illegal conduct, promoting competition in this industry, and depriving Microsoft of its illegal gains.

It appears that Microsoft has again accomplished its objectives and will continue now on its campaign of total dominance of anything it chooses. I fail to understand why our US Justice representatives, would once again offer a simple slap on the wrist to a company that has ignored a similar punishment in the past. Clearly, this approach has not and will not work. Microsoft has so many ways to interpret this proposed agreement that it is a total waste of paper. Were they not convicted of being an illegal monopoly? Did they not destroy competition in as many ruthless and illegal ways as they desired? Will this agreement, increase competition? Is this agreement good for our future? I believe, along with many others, that the answer to all these questions is a resounding NO.

I strongly encourage you to persist in your efforts to vigorously bring this case to justice. A justice that will encourage competition and send a clear message to Microsoft and any others who operate outside the law. Microsoft's aggressive and illegal behavior should be curbed once and for all. I believe it is harmful to our future IT economy to allow this evil doer to continue in its illegal pursuits.

Respectfully submitted,
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